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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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Sir:

This comes in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated 7/23/01, which requires substitute drawings in English since some of the drawings contained characters in Japanese.

The Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement, for the following reasons. The present invention is concerned with an apparatus for reading a document in any language including Japanese and English. An embodiment of the invention is concerned with a morphological analysis and parts of speech order in different languages. If the Japanese characters in the drawings were to be translated into English, this would disrupt the speech order and render the examples presented in the Specification useless. Also, if the drawings were to be translated into English, this would also require different descriptions regarding sounds and speech order in the Specification which may comprise new matter. The Applicant submits that the actual meanings of the Japanese characters in the Figures themselves are not relevant and do not support the understanding of the invention.

Therefore, the Application respectfully requests that in view of the above, the Figures containing Japanese characters be accepted as filed.

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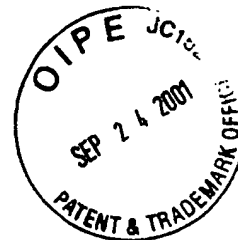
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